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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS

Wednesday, May 20, 2015 10:30 a.m. Room 308 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Elections was called to order by the Chair, Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons.

Members present: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Leutheuser moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, March 25, 2015 meeting.

The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 4596 (Lyons)	Campaign finance; statements and reports; requirement for filing statement of a committee of an incumbent judge or justice elected or appointed; provide waiver.
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HB 4597 (Lyons)	Campaign finance; statements and reports; reporting and disclosure of certain candidates' expenditures; modify.
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Joseph Baumann, representing the State Court Administrators Office, testified in support of the bills.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bills but did not wish to speak:

Cami Pendell, Michigan Judges Association.
Rich Robinson, Michigan Campaign Finance Network.
Kieran Marion, Michigan Department of State.

The Chair laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 4589 (Neeley)	Elections; election officials; modifying the nominating petition filing deadline for candidates for city offices; authorize under certain circumstances.
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SB 329 (Ananich) Elections; election officials; modifying the nominating petition filing deadline for candidates for city offices; authorize under certain circumstances.

Representative Neeley and Senator Ananich testified in support of their bills.

Inez M. Brown, Flint City Clerk, testified in support of the bills.

John J. Gleason, Genesee County Clerk, and Doreen Fulcher, from the Genesee County Clerk's Office, testified on the bills.

Kieran Marion, from the Michigan Department of State, and Chris Thomas, Director of Elections, Michigan Department of State, testified on the bills.

The Chair returned to the consideration of HB 4596 and HB 4597.

Representative Leutheuser moved to report HB 4596 with recommendation that the bill pass.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Leutheuser moved to report HB 4597 with recommendation that the bill pass.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:45 a.m.

Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Chair_____

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